

REMARKS

Claims 3-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-2 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 3-9 are amended, and claims 10-22 are added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action provisionally rejected 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-9 of co-pending application No. 09/721,708. Applicants intend to abandon co-pending application No. 09/721,708. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Tomohiko et al., Japanese Publication No. 11-007897. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

The Office Action rejected claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kosaka et al. (hereinafter "Kosaka"), U.S. Patent No. 6,048,243. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kosaka discloses a method of forming barrier ribs on a display panel. However, in all of the figures of Kosaka, all of the barrier ribs are disposed substantially in the display region except for end portions thereof. Accordingly, with respect to independent claim 3, Kosaka does not disclose or suggest a second portion of barrier ribs disposed partially in the non-display region along a length thereof, or the combination thereof. Further, Kosaka does not disclose or suggest a plasma display panel wherein a width of the first portion of barrier ribs is different

than a width of the second portion of barrier ribs. Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 3 over Kosaka should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 4-5 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed with respect to independent claim 3, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

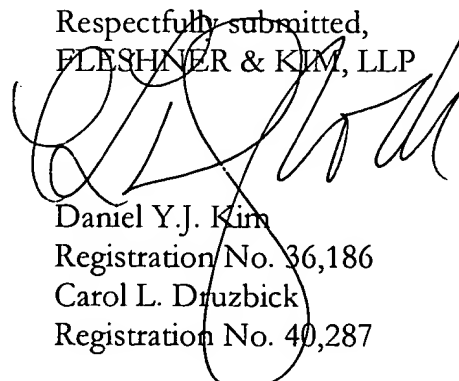
New claims 10-14 are added. The applied prior art fails to disclose or suggest the features set forth in these claims. Accordingly, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Original claims 6-9 were not rejected over prior art. Accordingly, claims 6-9 should be in condition for allowance. Added claims 15-22 are similarly allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carol L. Druzbeck**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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